



May 30, 2007

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Commissioner for Patents
Box 1450
Alexandria, Va. 2213-1450

Re: patent #6,924,413

Dear Sir,

Animals are not inventions and should not be patented. Further, allowing patents on animals who have been intentionally injured surely tends to create incentive to harm animals for economic gain.

It seems to me this goes against the most basic tenets of decent and humane treatment of living creatures who can neither help themselves nor cry out against such injustice. It is surely an inappropriate application of this nation's patent laws.

I urge you to reconsider the practice of issuing patents on animals which only encourages the continuation of cruel and unnecessary use of animals in research and testing, much of which could be accomplished as well or better by alternative means.

Sincerely,
Ramona L Melvin